

SECRETARY TAFT NOMINATED ON FIRST BALLOT

PRESIDENT PLEASED,
BUT NOT SURPRISED

Playing Tennis When News of His Favorite's
Nomination Is Brought to White House.

When the news was received at the White House that Secretary Taft had been nominated, President Roosevelt was playing tennis.

Mr. Roosevelt had already prepared an expression of his views of the Taft nomination. It was written out early in the afternoon, before the convention had reached the nominations, and then Mr. Roosevelt went out for a drive with Mrs. Roosevelt, with the time of the tennis game fixed for the moment of his return. The President's secretary, Mr. Loeb, handed out the typewritten statement, when a bulletin came over a private wire to the White House announcing Taft's nomination.

This is Mr. Roosevelt's statement:

I feel that the country is, indeed, to be congratulated upon the nomination of Mr. Taft. I have known him intimately for many years, and I have a peculiar feeling for him, because throughout that time we have worked for the same objects, with the same purposes and ideals. I do not believe there could be found in all the country a man so well fitted to be President.

He is not only absolutely fearless, absolutely disinterested and upright, but he has the widest acquaintance with the nation's needs, without and within, and the broadest sympathies with all our citizens.

He would be as emphatically a President of the plain people as Lincoln himself; yet not Lincoln himself would be freer from the least taint of demagoguery, the least tendency to arouse or appeal to class hatred of any kind.

He has a peculiar and intimate knowledge of any sympathy with the needs of all our people—of the farmer, of the wage-worker, of the business man, of the property owner.

No matter what a man's occupation or social position, no matter what his creed, his color, or the section of the country from which he comes, if he is an honest, hard-working man, who tries to do his duty toward his neighbor and toward the country, he can rest assured that he will have in Mr. Taft the most upright of representatives and the most fearless of champions.

Mr. Taft stands against all privilege, and he stands pre-eminently for the broad principles of American citizenship which lie at the foundation of our national well being.

President Roosevelt received telegraphic bulletins from the convention hall in Chicago, until he was satisfied that things were going according to schedule.

WILLIAMS QUILTS
AS HOUSE LEADER

Hands In His Resignation as
Democratic Sponsor.

GLAD TO GIVE UP THE JOB

Writes Letter to Clayton Set-
ting Forth His Reasons.

Senator-elect from Mississippi De-
clares His Retirement at This
Time Is for the Good of His Party
and Intended to Give a Clear Field
for His Successor—Believes that
His Action Is Fair and Helpful.

John Sharp Williams, of Mississippi, Democratic floor leader in the House, has formally tendered his resignation of the minority leadership, which he has held since the Fifty-eighth Congress. Mr. Williams has been elected Senator from his State to succeed Senator Money, and will take his seat March 4, 1911. His letter, resigning the Democratic leadership in the House, follows:

"Washington, June 13, 1908.
"Hon. Henry D. Clayton,
"Chairman Democratic Caucus, Eu-
faula, Ala.

"Dear Henry: I write this letter to you as my resignation of the position of parliamentary floor leader for the minority, the resignation to take place upon the first Monday of December following this date. I have been thinking about it a good deal, and it seems to me that if the next House goes Democratic, whoever is going to be Speaker of that House ought to have at least the training of the last, or short, session of this Congress, not only to fit him for his parliamentary duties, but also to make a more intimate acquaintance with the personnel on the Democratic side than he perhaps otherwise might have. If, upon the other hand, the next House shall be Republican, the preliminary training will be just as necessary, in order to fit him for the arduous duties of leadership during the Sixty-first Congress.

"I have not consulted any of my friends about resigning for fear they might attempt to dissuade me, and my opinion of the absolute correctness of the position which I am taking is so clear that I did not want either to be dissuaded or to appear obstinate toward them.

"I need not tell you, of course, because you know it, how much I shall personally welcome the release from hard work and from the inevitable as you and some close personal friends know, I would, because of the condition of my health, have laid down the work

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CLUBMEN LAUNCH
TAFT CAMPAIGN

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versity Club Members.

TAFT MAKES AN ADDRESS

Responds to Words of Praise
from Old Friends.

Wife and Daughter Form Back-
ground for Man of Hour, and
Charlie Helps Manage Red Fire in
Which His Dad Basks—President of
Club When Fellow-member Pre-
dicted His Election to Presidency.

In the glare of red fire and amid an almost continuous shower of sparks from soaring skyrockets sent up in his honor, the Republican Presidential nominee was acclaimed last night as jovial "Big Bill" Taft by a vast crowd, of which the nucleus was several hundred of his fellow-members of the University Club of Washington.

The demonstration took place on the lawn in front of the Taft residence, in K street, and was the outgrowth of plans quietly laid by the clubmen some days ago. It turned out to be a most ambitious celebration with the Engineer Band from Washington Barracks playing inspiringly as the official army band of the Capital, and several thousand citizens crowding both K and Sixteenth streets and cheering tumultuously at sight of the newly chosen candidate.

Adding the finishing touch in the appropriateness of the first home reception of the candidate was the presence of Mrs. Taft and Miss Helen Taft, seated only a few feet back of the head of the household and in full view of the hundreds of cheering people as the Secretary received and acknowledged the congratulations of his fellow-clubmen and other friends.

It was as nearly a typical "front porch" campaign meeting as the physical contour and structural predictions of the Taft urban homestead would permit on such short notice. And with Master Charles Taft acting as expert assistant to the professional in charge of the fireworks display on the club lawn opposite, it may be fittingly ab-

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Closing Sale To-day.
The "Danvers Sale" closes at Sloan's, 1407 G st., to-day at 11 a. m. and 3 p. m., opening with No. 46 of the catalogue. The most important pieces come up to-day, including the mahogany twin beds, London Club desks, Marqueterie secretary table, sculpture, books, plate, paintings, colonial mahogany furniture in all shapes. In fact, every article not previously sold will be given to the highest and best bidders. An absolute auction, worth attending.

Baltimore and Ohio R. R. Excursion.
\$1.00 to Frederick, Keedysville (for An-
tietam), and Hagerstown and return, Sun-
day, June 21. Special train leaves Union
Station 8 a. m.

ROOSEVELT RULES THE CONVENTION
AS TO CANDIDATE AND PLATFORM

THE REPUBLICAN STANDARD BEARER.



WILLIAM HOWARD TAFT.

HOW THE STATES VOTED.

FOR TAFT—Alabama, 22; Arkansas, 18; California, 20; Colorado, 10; Connecticut, 14; Delaware, 6; Florida, 10; Georgia, 17; Idaho, 6; Illinois, 3; Iowa, 26; Kansas, 20; Kentucky, 24; Louisiana, 18; Maine, 12; Maryland, 16; Massachusetts, 32; Michigan, 27; Minnesota, 22; Mississippi, 20; Missouri, 36; Montana, 6; Nebraska, 16; Nevada, 6; New Jersey, 15; New York, 10; North Carolina, 24; North Dakota, 8; Ohio, 42; Oklahoma, 14; Oregon, 8; Pennsylvania, 1; Rhode Island, 8; South Carolina, 13; South Dakota, 8; Tennessee, 24; Texas, 36; Utah, 6; Vermont, 8; Virginia, 21; Washington, 10; West Virginia, 14; Wisconsin, 1; Wyoming, 6; Alaska, 2; Arizona, 2; District of Columbia, 1; Hawaii, 2; New Mexico, 2; Philip-
pines, 2; Porto Rico, 2. Total, 702.

FOR KNOX—Pennsylvania, 64; New Jersey, 4. Total, 68.

FOR HUGHES—New York, 65; Virginia, 2. Total, 67.

FOR CANNON—Illinois, 51; Michigan, 1; New Jersey, 3; New York, 3. Total, 58.

FOR FAIRBANKS—Georgia, 1; Indiana, 30; Kentucky, 2; New Hampshire, 3; New Jersey, 2; South Carolina, 2. Total, 40.

FOR LA FOLLETTE—Wisconsin, 25.

FOR FORAKER—Georgia, 8; Ohio, 4; South Carolina, 2; Virginia, 1; District of Columbia, 1. Total, 16.

FOR ROOSEVELT—Pennsylvania, 3.

Total number of votes cast was 979, one absentee from South Carolina being recorded.

THREE HURT IN MIMIC WAR.

Flare-back from Big Gun Blows One
Man's Arm Off.

New York, June 18.—Three men of the National Guard, New York, Ninth Regiment, at Fort Wadsworth were seriously injured to-night during the height of the war games while they were serving a six-inch gun in Battery Dix.

The men were hurried to the post hospital in an ambulance, and the Rev. Father Cronin, of St. Mary's Catholic Church, of Clifton, was hurried to the bedside to administer the last rites of the church. The names of the men are Harvey, McDowell, and Walsh.

McDowell's right arm was blown off by what is presumed to have been the flare back due to the faulty locking of the breechlock. Harvey's skull is reported to have been crushed in by his being hurled against the stone masonry, and Walsh's injuries consisted of powder burns.

Summer Tourist Rates via Baltimore and Ohio.
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BIG STEEL PLANT ABLAZE.

Fire in Shelby, Ohio, Costs Million
and a Half Dollars.

Shelby, Ohio, June 18.—The plant of the United States Steel Corporation is burning and will be a total loss. Firemen from three cities are fighting the flames. The city is threatened.

The loss is about \$1,500,000.

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Baltimore & Ohio R. R.,
Every Saturday and Sunday. All trains,
both ways, both 6 p. m. except Royal Lim-
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ave.

Ohioan Gets 702 Votes
Out of Total of 979.

THEN MADE UNANIMOUS

Effort to Stampede Convention
for Roosevelt When Balloting
Begins Proves a Failure.

THE OFFICIAL VOTE.

William H. Taft.....	702
Philander C. Knox.....	68
Charles E. Hughes.....	67
Joseph G. Cannon.....	58
Charles W. Fairbanks.....	40
Robert M. La Follette.....	25
Joseph B. Foraker.....	16
Theodore Roosevelt.....	3
Total vote cast.....	979
Necessary to a choice.....	490

Chicago, June 18.—At 5 o'clock this afternoon Secretary of War Taft was nominated by the Republican convention for President of the United States.

Gen. Woodford, as quickly as Senator Lodge, permanent chairman of the convention, announced the ballot, and as quickly as the cheering which greeted Taft's nomination ended, hopped upon his chair and said:

"At the request of Gov. Hughes, and under the instructions of the united New York delegation, I move that the nomination of William H. Taft for the Presidency be now made unanimous."

Senator Penrose, Senator Beveridge, and William O. Emery, of Georgia, the colored delegate who seconded the nomination of Foraker, also seconded the motion to make the nomination of Secretary Taft unanimous. The nomination was made unanimous.

The convention then adjourned to 10 o'clock to-morrow morning, when a candidate for Vice President will be nominated. As tired and fretful as most of the delegates were, they wanted to go on and nominate the candidate for Vice President, so that they could start for their homes to-night. But the managers of the convention decreed otherwise.

EFFORT TO STAMPEDE.

The distinctive features of the Presidential session were two uproarious efforts to stampede the convention for Roosevelt, wild applause for Secretary Taft, and the oversight by which Gov. Hughes' name was not formally presented in nomination, and the governor of the Empire State was the only Presidential candidate whose nomination was not seconded.

Senator Page told Gen. Woodford, who made a speech for Gov. Hughes with the full idea of putting the governor in nomination, that it would be necessary to have seconding speeches, but Gen. Woodford did not accede to the suggestion. Later in the convention he requested the correspondents to announce that a delegate from the Fifth Virginia district seconded the nomination of Gov. Hughes. There is a mistake somewhere, for certainly no such delegate or any delegate seconded Gov. Hughes' name.

Senator Lodge, permanent chairman of the convention, after awaiting the allotted time for a second of the Hughes nomination, turned to Secretary John Molloy, who was reading the call of States for nominations, and said: "Let her go, Gallagher." Senator Lodge is a literary man, and does not frequently resort to phrases of the day of this kind.

Delegates Sit Silent.
The storm to stampede the convention for Roosevelt came from the galleries. The 980 delegates sat as if nailed to the chairs.

Another distinctive feature of the session was the effort to hound down Gov. Hanly, Fairbanks' speaker, and the delegation and contumely heaped upon Hanly by those in the galleries.

Probably no convention hall in the world was hotter than this one, when, at 12:45 p. m., Henry Sherman Boutell, of the Ninth district of Illinois, clambered aboard the platform to nominate "Uncle Joe," otherwise the Hon. Joseph G. Cannon, Speaker of the House of Representatives, for President.

Coliseum Like an Oven.
That great audience, numbering to-day nearly 20,000 persons, was in a grand sweater. The lean people liked it—rather enjoyed it—and the fat folks swore under their breath. All who could get fans had them, and used them like day laborers. They worked them overtime. The average delegate and the average visitor, man or woman, used up handkerchiefs by the score.

In Mr. Boutell's glowing words "Uncle Joe" was almost too good for earth and

Representative Joseph W. Fordney, of the Eighth district of Michigan, seconded Cannon's nomination, declaring that he had all of the qualities of Bismarck, Gladstone, Lincoln, Blaine, McKinley, Reed, and Roosevelt.

Then came Gov. Hanly, of Indiana, who made the nominating speech for

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